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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE LETTER FROM FM SPANTA TO SECRETARY  
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¶1. (U) Embassy Kabul received the following Diplomatic Note and Letter dated October 26 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Rangeen Dadfar Spanta. The original letter was written in Dari and the following is a translation.

¶2. (U) Begin Text  
Her Excellency Hillary Clinton  
Secretary of State  
United States of America

With great regrets, I received the news of the sorrowful death of the eleven US soldiers and three US civilians in a plane crash in southern Afghanistan.

I hereby express my deepest condolences to you and the families of those soldiers who lost their lives while serving in Afghanistan for security and stability of our country.

Please accept my deepest condolences and sympathies.

Regards,  
Dr. Rangeen Dadfar Spanta  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Kabul-Afghanistan  
26 October 2009

End Text  
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